

WILSON BUREAU
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

MAR 6 1935

TELETYPE

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BOND, DATE AND PLACE RETURNABLE IN ORDER THAT FUGITIVE COMPLAINT
MAY BE FILED AT LOUIS. FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU █ IS ILL, DOCTOR ³⁷⁰
HAS BEEN CALLED AND MADE EXAMINATION AND REPORTS HE HAS COLD AND IS
HIGHLY EXCITED BUT IS NOT SO ILL AS HE PRETENDS TO BE. DOES NOT
RECOMMEND HOSPITALIZATION. DUE TO FACT HE BECAME FAINT WHILE
BEING INTERVIEWED PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE DOCTOR IN THIS BUILDING HAS
CALLED FOR PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION, BUT OUR PRIVATE PHYSICIAN HAS
ALSO BEEN CALLED AND WILL CONDUCT INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION.
RECOMMENDATION OF DOCTOR WILL BE SUBMITTED TO BUREAU.

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FBI ST LOUIS

11-03 PM CST

3-6-59

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DIRECTOR AND SAC LOS ANGELES

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[REDACTED] ETAL, CLARK CABLE, VICTIM EXTORTION. [REDACTED]
OFFICER IN CHARGE, STATE HOSPITAL FOR INSANE, ALTON, ILLINOIS, STATED
SUBJECT ESCAPED THAT INSTITUTION LAST NIGHT. SUBJECT TURNED OVER TO CITY
SANITARIUM, ST LOUIS, MISSOURI, FOR RETURN TO HOSPITAL, ALTON, ILLINOIS.
SUBJECT STATES HE MAILED CARD TO VICTIM LAST SEPTEMBER FROM INDIANAPOLIS.
STATES HE DID NOT MAIL LETTER FROM CHICAGO LAST FRIDAY. NO FURTHER
INVESTIGATION BEING MADE.

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NAME: [REDACTED]
FBI - ST. LOUIS
CLARK GABLE, JR.

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SAC LOS ANGELES

[REDACTED] ET AL. CLARK GABLE, VICTIM, EXTORTION. b7C

[REDACTED], PRIVATE PHYSICIAN AFTER PHYSICAL EXAMINATION,
SUBJECT STATES HE WAS SUFFERING FROM A COLD AND HAS CHANCE AS RESULT
OF SYPHILIS INFECTIOIN, THAT HE DOES NOT NEED HOSPITALIZATION.

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SUBJECT HAS SIGNED WAIVER SUBMITTING TO CUSTODY. FOLLOWING TELEGRAM
SENT BY HIM TO [REDACTED], CHARGES COLLECT, WHICH APPARENTLY HAS
BEEN DELIVERED IN LOS ANGELES, OROUTE, ARRIVED ST. LOUIS SEVEN FORTY
FIVE AM SIGNED [REDACTED] UNQUOTE. LOS ANGELES OFFICE REQUESTED
ADVISE WHETHER EXTORTION LETTER RECEIVED BY CLARK GABLE AND WHETHER
ANY INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED OTHER THAN [REDACTED] AND FURNISH PROMPT
INFORMATION AS TO PROSECUTIVE ACTION DESIRED AGAINST [REDACTED] IF ANY,
AS HE IS BEING HELD AT THIS OFFICE AWAITING RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION.

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FBI LOS ANGELES 3-6-39 6-45 PM NO *b7c*

DIRECTOR AND SAC ST LOUIS

b7c [REDACTED] ETAL, CLARK GABLE, VIKEX. PERSONAL EXAMINATION OF ALL MAIL FOR GABLE DISCLOSES INSTANT NOTE NOT RECEIVED. APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS MADE WHEREBY WILL BE NOTIFIED IMMEDIATELY UPON ITS RECEIPT. FROM CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ASCERTAINED TELEGRAM MENTIONED YOUR TELETYPE WAS DELIVERED NINE FIVE TWO EAST JEFFERSON AVENUE AND BOY REFERRED TO NINE TWO NINE THAT STREET WHERE NO ONE HOME. ADDRESSEE ADVISED TO CALL FOR MESSAGE. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING TO VERIFY PRESENCE OTHER SUBJECTS THIS CITY. ZEIGER ARRESTED INDIANAPOLIS SEPTEMBER LAST, CONFESSED SENDING SIMILAR POSTCARD TO SAME VICTIM DEMANDING MONEY WHICH CARD WAS NEVER RECEIVED. INVESTIGATION WAS NEGATIVE IN THAT CASE. POSSIBLY SUBJECT SEEKING MEDICAL ATTENTION AND PUBLICITY.

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FROM: LOS ANGELES
TO: DIRECTOR OF FBI
SUBJECT: MARSHAL
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FBI LOS ANGELES

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DIRECTOR AND SAC ST LOUIS

b7c [REDACTED], ETAL, CLARK CABLE, VICTIM EXTORTION. POSTCARD TO CABLE

RECEIVED LATE TODAY POSTMARKED ST LOUIS MARCH SIX LAST TWELVE HOURS

READING QUOTE IF YOU KNOW THAT IS GOOD FOR YOU YOU WILL DO AS I SAY.

YOU ARE TO GET FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS READY AND DONT REPORT TO POLICE

OR C MEN. YOU WILL GET A LETTER FOLLOWING OH. SIGN BLACKHAND UNQUOTE.

ARRANGEMENTS MADE TO BE NOTIFIED IF FURTHER COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED.

b7c ST LOUIS ADVISE IF [REDACTED] COULD HAVE PREPARED NOTE FOLLOWING TURNOVER

TO ASYLUM OFFICIALS. INTERVIEW SUBJECT FOR FULL DETAILS AND PRESENT

FACTS TO USA IF CONFESSION OBTAINED. NO EVIDENCE TO INDICATE ACCOMPLISH

OF SUBJECT ARE HERE. TELEGRAM SENT BY HIM REPORTED RETURNED TO SENDER

AS ADDRESSEE UNKNOWN. IF PROSECUTION AUTHORIZED REQUEST NO PUBLICITY

IMPROVE THIS OFFICE NOTIFIED. ST LOUIS ADVISE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

LABORATORY

NO. 11-21-1973
RECEIVED 8-21-1973
FBI - LOS ANGELES
U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Report

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Number:

Specimen:

Specimen # 3 Purified and fractionated urine sample, No. 22, from G. B., 20-12-
1973, submitted to the FBI Laboratory.

Examination requested by: San Angeles

Date received: 8-21-73

Examination requested: b7C

Result of examination:

Specimen was examined and found to be consistent with b7C

Examination by

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25 (214)
10 (21)

12 (215)

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25 (216)

b7C arranged 2-15-73 and 2-16-73

Lab # 11-21-73
Date 2-20-73

Unit 7-21

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Date 3/14 1939

FROM: Technical Laboratory *b7c*
TO: Single Fingerprint Section
Case Number: 9-4988-14

No latent fingerprints developed
Iodine prints developed on _____
Silver nitrate prints on Q1
Identiscope negatives attached hereto

EXCERPTS:

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

Case:

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BY [REDACTED]
CLUE CRIME - [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Number:

Specimens:

[REDACTED] Specimen [REDACTED] No. 20, Vol. 4, 2000, 20-27

Examination requested by:

[REDACTED]

Date received:

[REDACTED]

Examination requested:

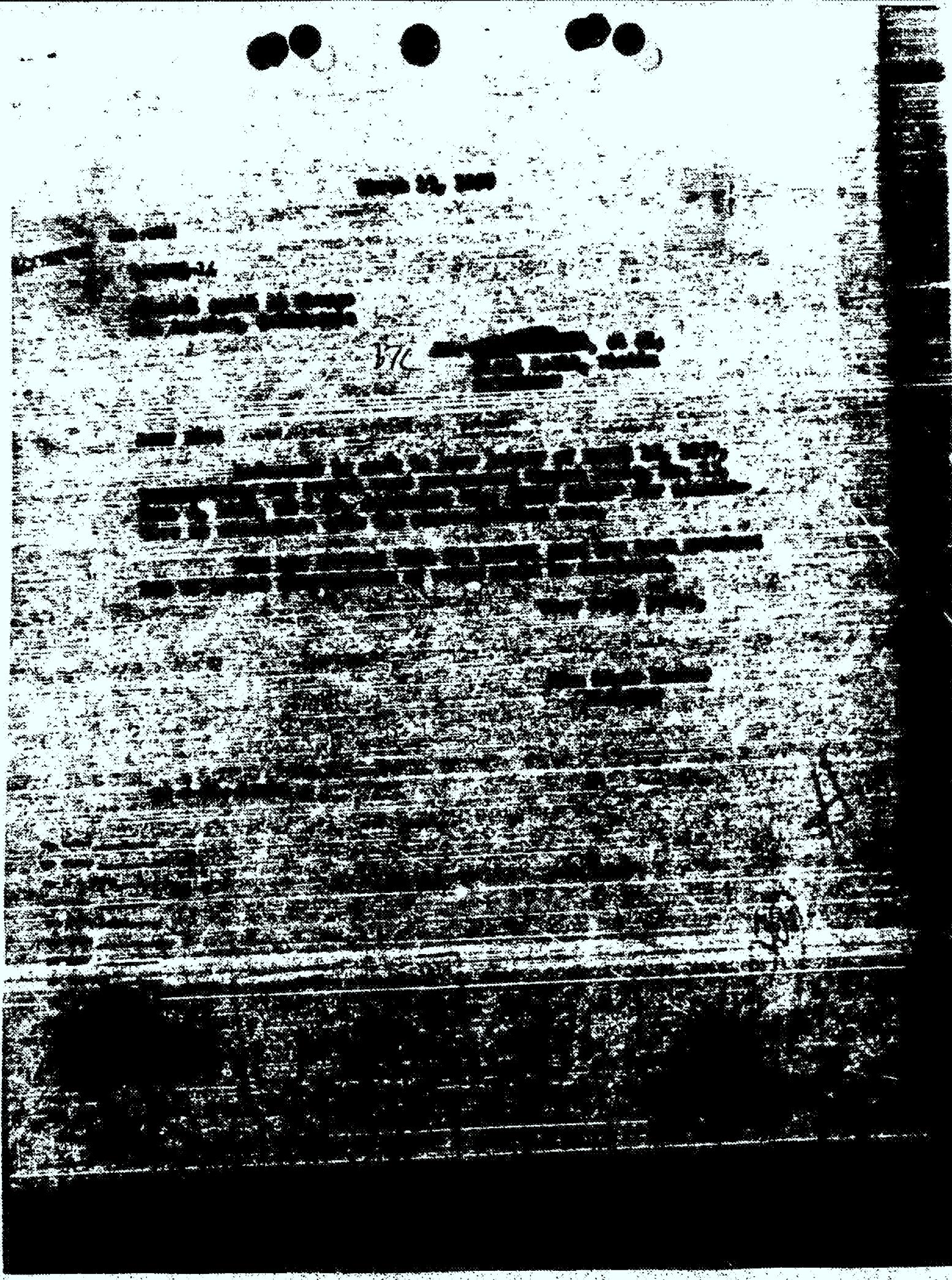
[REDACTED]

Result of examination:

[REDACTED] Examination by: 5720
[REDACTED] 20-27
5720

filament of no value. 20-27-6-29
dictated report 2-12-69

2-12-69
20-27-6-29



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

U. S. MAIL BOX, W. C. P. A.
March 16, 1936

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

b7C Re: [REDACTED] K. A.
CLARK GABLE Victim
[REDACTED]

Dear Sir:

There is being transmitted under separate cover, in a mailing tube, a postcard addressed to CLARK GABLE, R. D. 1, Studios, Culver City, California, mailed at St. Louis, Missouri, March 6, 1936 at 12:00 midnight, which reads as follows:

Dear Sir,

If you know what is good for you
you will do as I say. You are to get \$6.00
ready & dont report to Police or G Men.
You will get a letter following on.

Black hand

It is requested that a comparison of the handwriting in this note be made with the known specimens of [REDACTED] which the St. Louis Field Division was requested to forward to the Bureau, and also that the appropriate fingerprint examination be made, it being indicated in the file that subject's prints have formerly been sent to the Bureau under Indianapolis, Indiana, Police Department number 3512.

The attention of the St. Louis Field Division is directed to the fact that this postcard was mailed at midnight on March 6, 1936, apparently after subject was released to the system from which he escaped, and it is suggested that it may be desirable to ascertain how he could have done this.

Very truly yours,
[REDACTED] 4-4005-14
R. B. North, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
L. A. BUREAU
Special Agent in Charge, MARCH 18
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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May 18 1968 10 AM
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

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Case:

Number:

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Examination requested by:

Date received:

Examination requested:

Result of examination:

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Examination by:

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

6-27267

Laboratory Report Recorded 3-1-59 1:00 P.M.

Case: [REDACTED] vs. [REDACTED] Clerk Table, nothing Number: 2-2003-15

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Specimen:

2-2003-15 21 Seven sheets of the inner banding of [REDACTED]

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Composite prints developed on 21 to this case with [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], FBI-2003-15

Examination requested by: Mr. Louis

Date received: 2-23-59

Examination requested: Document - Photography

Result of examination:

(AIR MAIL)
- 100 prints
No prints
[REDACTED]

Examination by:

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file requested 2-14
packet .. "

No prints

dictated 2-14

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It is believed that no Jewish communities have been persecuted or oppressed during the year, therefore, the reported

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Dear Dr. [redacted]

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[redacted]

et al.

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[redacted]
[redacted]

Dear Dr. [redacted],
I would like to thank you for the information contained in the laboratory report
[redacted] which was forwarded to your office.
In connection with the above question further was received in
the Bureau [redacted] [redacted]

Very truly yours,

[redacted]

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

2-12-39, 1-1-39
FBI - LOS ANGELES

ALL CALLS - WANTED - ETC.

REPLIES - ETC.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

b7C Re: [REDACTED] et al.
Case of [REDACTED] - [REDACTED]
EXHIBIT #1.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the teletype message to the Bureau and the Los Angeles Office dated March 6, 1939, referring to a wire made to the letter from the Los Angeles Office to the Bureau dated March 10, 1939.

I am transmitting herewith to the Bureau, attached to the Technical Laboratory's copy of this letter, seven sheets of paper containing specimens of the handwriting of [REDACTED]

It is respectfully requested that the specimens of handwriting be compared with the handwriting on the post card mentioned in the letter of reference from the Los Angeles Office. It is also requested that [REDACTED] fingerprints, FBI-725,376, be compared with any latent prints which may be developed on the post card forwarded to the Bureau by the Los Angeles Office, and that copies of the laboratory report be furnished to the St. Louis, New York, Chicago and Los Angeles Offices.

Very truly yours,

S. B. Nichols,
Special Agent in Charge.

J. B. Nichols
J. B. Nichols
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Enclosures (?)

✓ cc - Los Angeles
Chicago
New York
Technical Laboratory

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TELETYPE

FBI ST LOUIS 3-39 PM 3-11-59 CFB

DIRECTOR

SAC NEW YORK CITY AND LOS ANGELES

b7C [REDACTED] EXCTION. USA ST LOUIS STATES COMPLAINT WILL BE
FILED AGAINST SUBJECT BEFORE US COMMISSIONER ST LOUIS MARCH
THIRTEENTH NEXT. HE DESIRES DETERMINATION BY DOCTOR KING
COUNTY HOSPITAL PSYCHOPATHIC DIVISION, BROOKLYN, AS TO SUBJECT'S
ABILITY TO DISTINGUISH RIGHT FROM WRONG AND OTHER INFORMATION
REGARDING HIS MENTAL ABILITY, [REDACTED] BEFORE ACTION IS TAKEN TO REMOVE
HIM FROM NEW YORK TO ST LOUIS FOR PROSECUTION, BASED ON FEDERAL
WARRANT TO BE ISSUED NEXT MONDAY.

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FROM OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
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FBI ST LOUIS 3-11-39 9-50 AM DE

DIRECTOR.

b7C [REDACTED] ET AL. CLASS NAME , VICTIM. EXTORTION.

RAY WEBSTER POST DISPATCH REPORTER, STATES HIS PAPER RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM HERBERT FREER, ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY, ST. LOUIS, REGARDING INSTANT CASE YESTERDAY, AND HE DESIRED BUREAU RELEASE. THERE HAS BEEN NO PUBLICITY HERE THUS FAR. HOWEVER, WHEN SUBJECT TAKEN INTO CUSTODY MR. FREER WILL UNDOUBTEDLY RELEASE ALL OF THE FACTS. HE TOLD US YESTERDAY HE WOULD NOT GIVE OUT INFORMATION TO PRESS UNTIL COMPLAINT HAD BEEN FILED. IN VIEW OF REQUEST BY POST DISPATCH ADVISE WHETHER BUREAU DESIRES RELEASE FACTS AFTER SUBJECT TAKEN INTO CUSTODY.

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Mr. Van also called [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] to inquire's attention
reaction of [REDACTED] giving
facts to press prematurely
[REDACTED] 0505 AM

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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Mr. Justice Est
Mr. Asst. Secy.

March 12, 1949

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[REDACTED] would not be so released at this time but that a Federal
complaint could be filed against the defendant before the Federal
Court accepts filing of the complaint and a determination is made by
the state authorities in New York. He stated the United States
Attorney's Office should be informed of the complaint as soon as
all of the facts immediately upon filing the complaint. I in turn
will be advised by Mr. Morris of the facts concerning the case
and will be advised when a complaint is filed and that the United States
Attorney's Office is actually before a judge, not trying to take over
the administration thoroughly the trial should not try to take over
[REDACTED] in this matter. I told Mr. Morris that Los Angeles can let
[REDACTED] be notified if and when he makes a release in order that
[REDACTED] simultaneous release may be made by such office. Mr. Morris stated
he is sending in a letter immediately outlining in detail the actions
taken by Assistant United States Attorney Green with regard to the
publicity in this matter.

Respectfully,

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

44 FBI ST LOUIS 3-13-39 11-30 AM DB *b7c*

DIRECTOR

✓ DACS NEW YORK AND LOS ANGELES

b7c [REDACTED], EXTORTION. USA ST. LOUIS HAS NOW DECIDED TO WITHHOLD FILING OF COMPLAINT PENDING RECEIPT OF ADVICE FROM NEW YORK OFFICE AS TO WHETHER SUBJECT HAS MENTAL CAPACITY TO DISTINGUISH RIGHT FROM WRONG. IF DOCTORS AT KINGS HOSPITAL, BROOKLYN, N. Y., DECIDE THAT SUBJECT KNOWS RIGHT FROM WRONG HE WILL AUTHORIZE COMPLAINT UPON RECEIPT OF THIS INFORMATION AND ATTEMPT TO REMOVE SUBJECT TO ST. LOUIS FOR PROSECUTION. NEW YORK OFFICE REQUESTED TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH MEDICAL AUTHORITIES AT KINGS HOSPITAL AND ADVISE ST. LOUIS OF RESULT OF OBSERVATION OF SAID DOCTORS.

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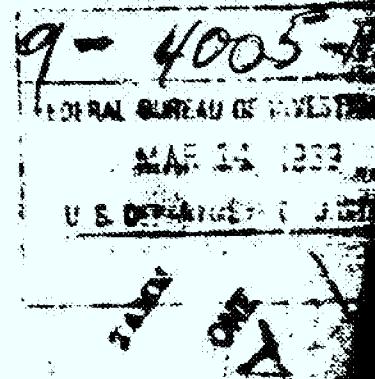
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United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

March 2, 1933

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Time: 12:15 P.M.

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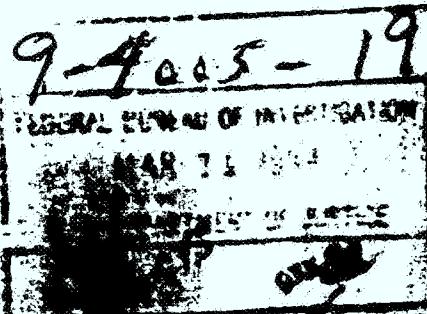
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RE: ██████████, ET AL
CLARK GABLE - VICTIM
EXHIBITION

While talking to SAC Brantley at New York about another matter I advised him I had noticed several teletypes from Morris at St. Louis indicating that the U. S. Attorney is going to prosecute just as soon as he finds out the attitude of the people in New York relative to [REDACTED] mental condition. Mr. Brantley stated he is to be notified to Morris regarding [REDACTED] condition. Mr. Brantley also informed that he is following instructions of not trying to get custody of [REDACTED].

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L. A. TAYLOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Saint Louis, Missouri,
March 15, 1939.

AIR MAIL
SPECIAL DELIVERY

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

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Re: [REDACTED]

CLARK GABLE, Victim;
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sirs:

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Pursuant to the telephonic request of [REDACTED] of the Bureau, I am outlining the following information regarding the submission of the facts in this case to Assistant United States Attorney HERBERT H. FISHER, of St. Louis, Missouri, and his request that a complaint be filed and, also in regard to the submission of this information to the press by Mr. FISHER.

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On March 6, 1939, at approximately 11:00 a. m., [REDACTED] was seen loitering in front of the St. Louis Bureau Office in the corridor of the United States Court House and Custom House building. He was seen by several agents and finally, Special Agent [REDACTED] upon leaving the office, noticed that he had gone toward the elevator in this building. Agent [REDACTED] approached him and after a brief conversation with him, invited him to the office, where [REDACTED] made a signed, written statement to the effect that he, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had agreed to write a letter to Clark Gable for the purpose of obtaining \$10,000.00 from him, in amount of personal injury. [REDACTED] stated that he wrote the letter and signed and mailed it on March 2, 1939 at about 10:30 a. m. and that the letter was addressed to CLARK GABLE. Agent [REDACTED] and Agent [REDACTED] were very faint and unlocated and were unable to contact the [REDACTED] office in the United States Court House. Agent [REDACTED] and Agent [REDACTED] calling in for emergency treatment. Agent [REDACTED] and Agent [REDACTED] services are utilized by the St. Louis Police Department. Both of these physicians reported that Agent [REDACTED] and Agent [REDACTED] were in good condition and that he had been treated and was in good condition.

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Letter to the Director

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March 13, 1939

he had escaped from the Alton State Hospital for the Insane at Alton, Illinois on March 5, 1939, which was immediately verified by contact with the officials of that hospital, and that he had mailed a postcard to CLARK GABLE after his escape, demanding \$10,000.00 under threats of personal injury.

The Los Angeles Office indicated that no communication had been received by CLARK GABLE until the receipt of a postcard by him on March 9, 1939, which was postmarked March 6, 1939, at Midnight, St. Louis, Mo., and which demanded that CLARK GABLE pay the author of the postcard \$5,000.00. This information was furnished to the St. Louis Office by teletype in which it was requested that the facts in the case be submitted to the United States Attorney and that no publicity should be given the matter before notification to the Los Angeles Office.

Prior to receiving this information regarding the receipt of the postcard by CLARK GABLE, the St. Louis Office had turned subject over to the St. Louis Police for delivery to the Alton State Hospital at Alton, Illinois and it was later learned that he had been delivered to the Kings County Hospital at Brooklyn, New York.

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57C Special Agent ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ of this Office submitted the facts to Assistant United States Attorney ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ FRENCH on March 10, 1939, at which time Mr. FRENCH stated that subject ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ should be prosecuted as it appears that he is being incarcerated in insane asylum to avoid prosecution on criminal charges. Mr. FRENCH has been furnished with all of the facts in this case, indicating that subject's name is diagnosed as "Pseudochorea; Simple" and he has been kept advised of the handling of subject by the Illinois State authorities. He was further advised that subject was turned over to the Kings County Hospital, Brooklyn, New York, on March 11, 1939. When asked if he desired to have a complaint filed against subject, he stated that he desired to have a complaint filed against subject and that it would be determined by the United States Attorney whether or not subject can distinguish himself in this country or not and if he can be extradited to New York.

On March 11, 1939, Agent ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ of this office met with Mr. FRENCH at the Kings County Hospital, Brooklyn, New York, and advised him that the subject had been turned over to the St. Louis Police Office and stated that he had received information from Mr. FRENCH regarding this case and that subject had advised Mr. FRENCH and reported that the author be followed up and advised Mr. FRENCH and reported that the author be followed up

Local Post Dispatch

Letter to the Director

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March 18, 1939

as Mr. FISHER indicated that he would furnish a release in the matter very soon. He requested that such a release be made by the Bureau. He was advised that I could not make such a release to him. Thereafter, I communicated with the Bureau by teletype furnishing the information about the interview with RAY WEBSTER and his request for a release. At the request of Mr. TANK, I contacted Mr. FISHER, who stated that he had talked to MAYNE LEMMEL, Post-Dispatch reporter, about the case on March 10, 1939, but that he did not believe that the matter was taken up by LEMMEL, and that any request for information must have come from Los Angeles.

Mr. TANK was immediately advised of this discussion with Mr. FISHER and requested that the matter of publicity be held in abeyance pending further instructions from the Bureau.

For the information of the Bureau, Mr. FISHER is the Chief Assistant United States Attorney and is been extremely cooperative with the St. Louis Office. He is not the type of individual who normally seeks publicity. However, when Mr. LEMMEL is in the Federal Building he does maintain close contact with Mr. FISHER, as I have often seen him in Mr. FISHER's company. It should be noted that no publicity has been given this case in St. Louis and when RAY WEBSTER returned to the St. Louis Office after his first request for a release, he stated that his paper did not intend to handle the matter until some action was taken against the defendant.

It is suggested that in view of the fact that subject SNIGG was in custody of the St. Louis, Missouri Police Department prior to his return to the Alton State Hospital, that he may have discussed this case with the Police Department, who, in turn, furnished detailed information to the press.

In a discussion with Mr. FISHER regarding the case this morning, he stated he has decided to prosecute the killing of a suspect in the present case, as well as the killing of a patient in Kings County Hospital in New York on the same date, but has distinguished right from wrong. He stated that as far as his capacity to distinguish right from wrong, he will continue to practice against him and file when this case is prepared.

In this recent discussion with Mr. FISHER, he stated that he is determined above the prosecution of this case, as far as his opinion the defendant is a clever person and does not know he is at large. Mr. FISHER is also of the opinion that he will be able to

Letter to the Director

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March 11, 1937.

held long by state authorities in hospitals for the insane.

Very truly yours,

G. B. Morris

G. B. MORRIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

GBB:dm
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cc Los Angeles
New York

Substitution for letter from
FBI to the Chairman of the House
Committee on Government Operations
Washington, D. C.

March 21, 1977

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~~MEMORANDUM FOR THE ACTING ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,~~
~~Mr. DALE R. L. BREWER~~

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Re: ~~NAME~~
CLARK GABLE, VICTIM -
[REDACTED]

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Please be advised ~~NAME~~ escaped from the Illinois State Hospital for the Insane at Alton, Illinois, on March 5, 1979, proceeding thereafter to St. Louis, Missouri. On March 6, 1979, at St. Louis, Missouri, he wrote a post card to Clark Gable, motion picture actor, demanding the sum of \$5,000.00 and thereafter as personal injury unless the above amount was furnished by Mr. Gable.

~~NAME~~ advised the St. Louis Division of this Bureau he had written the above post card, although he previously advised the St. Louis Division he and four additional persons had conspired an elaborate extortion plot against Clark Gable on March 2, 1979, and investigation at Los Angeles, California, proved such story to be false inasmuch as no extortion letter so described by ~~NAME~~ were received by Gable. However, the letter did receive the above mentioned post card on March 8, 1979.

Prior to receiving the above information regarding the receipt of the post card by Clark Gable, the St. Louis Division informed the St. Louis Police Department with regard to ~~NAME~~ furnished by ~~NAME~~ in connection with the letter's escape from Illinois State Hospital for the Insane at Alton, Illinois. The St. Louis Police took ~~NAME~~ into custody and delivered him to the Illinois State Authority by whom ~~NAME~~ was transported to New York, in accordance with a state exchange agreement between Illinois and New York, ~~NAME~~ being originally from the last named state. After his delivery to the Psychiatric Division of the New York Hospital at Brooklyn, New York, on March 11, 1979, for medical examination and observation, he being permitted to see the above hospital.

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Introduction to The Problem

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March 21, 1899

Subsequent to receiving the above information concerning the conduct of the post and by Mr. Eddie, a Special Agent of the St. Louis Division presented the facts regarding this extension to Assistant United States Attorney Herbert E. Power of injunction to Assistant United States Attorney Herbert E. Power of St. Louis, Missouri, on March 14, 1937, at which time Mr. Power indicated that the same should be presented to him as the letter indicated certain charges possibly involving with regard to the alleged to be Mr. Power's opinion previously obtained with regard to the alleged conspiracy. Mr. Power stated he desired to have a formal complaint filed against [REDACTED] at St. Louis on March 13, 1937, 2011, 2012, which a copy of the same should be filed with the New York authorities pending a definite determination with regard to Seigenthaler's liability.

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It should be noted that no publicity has been given this
group as yet so far. Since the newspaper printed nothing except
the original press release which gave the action to everybody around them.

15. Any Accounting Software for your Information and your
details as may be desired you.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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March 11, 1939

TIME 12:00 noon

RECOMMENDATION FOR THE DIRECTOR

b7c RE: [REDACTED], ET AL;
CLARK GABLE - VICTIM
[REDACTED]

I called SAC Morris at St. Louis in connection with his teletype of today and inquired if a complaint was being filed against [REDACTED]. Mr. Morris advised that he had been informed by Assistant U. S. Attorney Freer that the minute we get word [REDACTED] will be turned over to us, he, Freer, will file a complaint. I asked Mr. Morris if the man was not an escapee from an insane asylum and upon being advised in the affirmative, I inquired how could the U. S. Attorney file a complaint against an insane man who is not capable of having the mentality to commit a crime. I was informed that in view of the fact that [REDACTED] is using this means of avoiding prosecution, Freer desires to file against him.

I inquired as to ~~whether~~ ~~whether~~ ~~whether~~ whether he was to be turned over to the Bureau. Mr. Morris stated that ~~he~~ was being taken by the authorities of Illinois to the New York authorities and should arrive in New York City on the eleven o'clock train this morning and that Mr. Brewster's men are to meet the train and determine whether ~~he~~ will be released to us. On my asking Mr. Morris the reason for ~~he~~ being returned to New York, he stated he did not know and could not know as he would be turned over to his people or to an institution until the New York Agents interview the officer returning ~~he~~ to New York.

York Agents interviewed Mr. Morris and he stated that he was asked why we should go out of the way to solicit [redacted] since it looks as though we are pretty well rid of him and in view of the fact that we could not convict him in criminal court in a thousand years. Mr. Morris stated this is the way to talk about the matter when he first learned that [redacted] was no longer free on income asylum and that when [redacted] left to present the facts to Assistant U. S. Attorney [redacted] was instructed to point out the liability of [redacted] to [redacted] for [redacted] and that [redacted] could insist on prosecuting. In answer to [redacted] asked if he had any objection to the publicity. However, [redacted] stated that he had no objection to the publicity but he was concerned about giving out the [redacted] and that he would be compelled to do so and he would have to use his power and advise his [redacted] that he could not do so without giving out the information; that we had [redacted] and that [redacted] would be so [redacted] and [redacted] would be [redacted] with [redacted]

3-11-39

MEMO FOR THE DIRECTOR

12:00 P.M.

After a telephonic communication with SAC Brantley on another matter, I inquired as to the result of the eleven o'clock contact. He stated that a contact was supposed to have been made last night but that [redacted] didn't come in. Mr. Brantley advised that the Agents were at the station now and no report had been received. I told Mr. Brantley not to be too enthusiastic about taking this case over and if the authorities state [redacted] is to be placed in a State institution that would be enough. Mr. Brantley stated he had advised the Agents along these lines.

2:30 P.M.

b7C SAC Brantley telephonically advised that [redacted] reached New York today in custody of an officer from Illinois and that he is in the hospital at Long Island. Mr. Brantley stated we are not fighting for him at all and I told him that is right and that he is just to ask what is to be done with [redacted] and if it is stated they want to put him in an institution, that he, Brantley, should indicate this to the St. Louis Office.

Very sincerely,
E. A. Tamm

ST. LOUIS

NEW YORK CITY AND LOS ANGELES

LT AL. [REDACTED] VICTIM. EXTORTION. CHICAGO
OFFICE ADVISED THAT SUBJECT [REDACTED] BELIEVED TO BE IN CUSTODY STATE
DEPORTATION AGENT [REDACTED] CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, WILL ARRIVE NEW
YORK CITY SEVEN FIFTY PM. TODAY, NEW YORK CENTRAL TRAIN NUMBER NINETY,
TO BE TURNED OVER TO NEW YORK STATE AUTHORITIES. DOCTOR [REDACTED]
MANAGER ALTON STATE HOSPITAL FOR INSANE, ALTON, ILLINOIS STATES [REDACTED]
SUFFERING FROM SEVERE PRACTICALLY SIMPLE, AND IS REGARDED BY HOSPITAL AS
QUOTE A BUM UNQUOTE AND WOULD NOT ORDINARILY BE ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL
FOR INSANE UNQUOTE PLACED THERE BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS TO AVOID
PROSECUTION FOR CRIMINAL OFFENSES. UNITED STATES ATTORNEY ST. LOUIS
AUTHORIZES PROSECUTION OF [REDACTED] HERE IN EVENT CUSTODY OF HIM CAN BE
OBTAINED FROM NEW YORK AUTHORITIES. NEW YORK OFFICE HAS BEEN REQUESTED
BY TELEPHONE TO CONTACT [REDACTED] TO OBTAIN CUSTODY OF SUBJECT AS
USA WOULD SHEDS NO TEARS OVER THE LOSS OF [REDACTED] IN
THE EVENT HE IS [REDACTED] SUBJECT IS TO BE TURNED OVER IMMEDIATELY
TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES IN NEW YORK CITY

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
July 4, 1940

Special Agent in Charge
San Francisco, California

DEAR SIR:

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By letter dated June 24, 1940, [REDACTED] an attorney at the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios, transmitted a letter, a copy of which is attached, which you will note is addressed to CLARK GABLE, motion picture star, and requests that no deposit of [REDACTED] amount of money in the American Trust, Jefferson Street Branch, in San Francisco.

The letter gives no return address nor does the envelope in which it was received. Mr. Gable advises that he does not know [REDACTED], nor has he received any previous communication from her.

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It is requested that the San Francisco office endeavor to locate [REDACTED] through the best referred to in the letter, and that an interview be had with her to determine her reason for writing the letter and the facts surrounding it, and that this office be advised of the results of the investigation promptly.

Very truly yours,

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San Francisco, Cal.

June 17, 1940.

Mr. Clark Gable,
Oliver City, Cal.

Dear Sir:

As you will recall, this is my second letter to you, the first being in January of '35 or '36. This time I am to trouble myself to ask for financial assistance.

I regret this step more than I can tell you, but it seems too much to expect of you to do the right thing.

You are better acquainted with all the circumstances than I am. May I expect a generous amount from you at a very early date, before the first of July. You may place some restrictions on the amount, but I hope you will be generous. I don't know

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION